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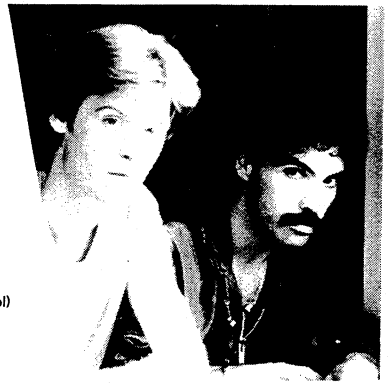

Until "Bette Davis Eyes" became a smash, many listeners may never have heard of **Kim Carnes** before. Now, her name is a household word as she had **R&R**'s number one CHR song for 1981 . . . Congratulations to Kim and **EMI America/Liberty Records** and their staff!

Other hits rounding out the top five include **Diana Ross & Lionel Richie**'s number two song "Endless Love"; **Christopher** with "Arthur's Theme (Best That You Can Do)"; **Air Supply**, who scored three top five records this year; and **Journey**'s "Who's Crying Now," which made this group's mass appeal acceptance complete.

1981 has been a trendy year for hits, as country crossovers from **Ronnie Milsap, Eddie Rabbitt, Kenny Rogers, Juice Newton,** and the **Oak Ridge Boys** added flavor to many CHR charts. How about the rash of "medley songs" touched off by **Stars On 45**, and continued by the **Beach Boys**. Did someone say remakes? **Don McLean** had a couple of those, with others from **Taste Of Honey**, and the **Manhattan Transfer.**

Jazz made impressive inroads this year, with entries onto the CHR chart by **Lee Ritenour, Grover Washington Jr., Al Jarreau, Quincy Jones,** and **George Benson** leading the way.

On the whole, black crossovers didn't fare as well this year as in the past, as resistance grew on the part of FM programmers to play these records in an effort to attain a "hip" immage. Crossover artists that did well this year include **Smokey Robinson, Ray Parker Jr. & Raydio, Champaign, Kool & the Gang, Rick James, Carl Carlton, the Four Tops, Clarke/Duke, the Commodores,** and **Earth, Wind & Fire.**

What took the place of these black crossovers? AOR crossovers, exploding this year with names like **Bruce Springsteen, Police, J. Geils, Tom Petty, Greg Kihn, April Wine, Pat Benatar, Blondie, Styx, Alan Parsons,** and **Eric Clapton** becoming "format staples."

Other major AOR-flavored acts which enjoyed big CHR success this year included **REO, Foreigner,** and the **Rolling Stones,** helping to restore rock to soft CHR charts which had been dominated by A/C crossover records for many months. **Hall & Oates** crossed from CHR to find new airplay in AOR, as did **Rick Springfield,** who established himself as a recording and TV star with three successive hits.

Many new names showed up this year on your charts for the first time like: **Franke & the Knockouts; Joey Scarbury; Chilliwack; Quarterflash; Terri Gibbs; Sheena Easton; Juice Newton; Robbie Patton; Diesel; the Go-Go's;** and first-time solo efforts from **Marty Balin, Stevie Nicks,** and **Lindsey Buckingham.**

Some familiar names found new success again this year in the form of **Gary U.S. Bonds, Steve Miller, Santana, Gary Wright, George Harrison, Little River Band, Moody Blues, Dan Fogelberg, Paul McCartney, Bob Seger, Lulu, Burton Cummings, Steve Winwood, Rod Stewart, Steely Dan, ELO,** the **Pointer Sisters, Neil Diamond, Climax Blues Band, Barbra Streisand,** and **John Lennon.**

As we head into 1982, look for more acceptance by the CHR audience of formerly exclusive AOR acts, which will find their way onto more and more CHR playlists as it's further proven that 25+ adults who grew up with rock enjoy a good mix of it along with more traditional-sounding CHR hits.

The CHR Top 81 of 1981 was computed using the weekly **R&R** National Airplay/30's from January 9, 1981, through November 27, 1981. A simple reverse point-value system was used, and accumulated number were ranked in descending order. The ranking is representative of this year's *radio airplay* as reported each week by all of **R&R**'s CHR reporting stations.

THE TOP 15 CHR

Records That Reached The Top 15

	Peak Position (wks at #1)	Peak Date	Weeks On Chart
AIR SUPPLY/Every Woman In The World (Arista)	4	1/9	5
AIR SUPPLY/The One That You Love (Arista)	1(3)	7/3	15
AIR SUPPLY/Here I Am (Just When I Thought I Was Over You) (Arista)	2	11/13	11
APRIL WINE/Just Between You & Me (Capitol)	14	4/10	9
MARTY BALIN/Hearts (EMI America	4	7/10	12
PAT BENATAR/Treat Me Right (Chrysalis)	12	3/6	10
PAT BENATAR/Fire And Ice (Chrysalis)	14	8/14	10
BLONDIE/The Tide Is High (Chrysalis)	1(3)	1/16	7
BLONDIE/Rapture (Chrysalis)	8	2/27	12
GARY U.S. BONDS/This Little Girl (EMI America)	7	6/12	11
LINDSEY BUCKINGHAM/Trouble (Asylum)	9	11/27	5
KIM CARNES/Bette Davis Eyes (EMI America)	1(5)	5/15	16
CARPENTERS/Touch Me When We're Dancing (A&M)	14	7/31	8
CHILLIWACK/My Girl (Gone, Gone, Gone) (Millennium/RCA)	15	11/27	6
ERIC CLAPTON/I Can't Stand It (RSO/PolyGram)	8	4/10	10
STANLEY CLARKE/GEORGE DUKE/Sweet Baby (Epic)	13	7/17	8
CLIMAX BLUES BAND/I Love You (WB)	7	5/15	12
PHIL COLLINS/I Missed Again (Atlantic)	13	5/8	10
PHIL COLLINS/In The Air Tonight (Atlantic)	11	7/24	8
COMMODORES/Lady (You Bring Me Up) (Motown)	3	8/28	13
COMMODORES/Oh No (Motown)	3	11/27	9
CHRISTOPHER CROSS/Arthur's Theme (Best That You Can Do (WB)	1(4)	9/25	15
NEIL DIAMOND/Love On The Rocks (Capitol)	3	1/9	4
NEIL DIAMOND/Hello Again (Capitol)	3	3/6	12
NEIL DIAMOND/America (Capitol)	5	6/5	11
NEIL DIAMOND/Yesterday's Songs (Columbia)	12	11/27	4
DIESEL/Sausalito Summernight (Regency/Atco)	15	11/6	7
DOOBIE BROTHERS/One Step Closer (WB)	15	1/9	2
SHEENA EASTON/Morning Train (Nine To Five) (EMI America)	3	4/10	14
SHEENA EASTON/Modern Girl (EMI America)	14	7/3	7
SHEENA EASTON/For Your Eyes Only (Liberty)	3	10/2	11
ELO/Hold On Tight (Jet/CBS)	6	9/4	11
DAN FOGELBERG/Same Old Lang Syne (Full Moon/Epic)	9	1/23	7
DAN FOGELBERG/Hard To Say (Full Moon/Epic)	3	10/9	14
FOREIGNER/Urgent (Atlantic)	9	8/21	14
FOREIGNER/Waiting For A Girl Like You (Atlantic)	1(4)	11/6	9
FOUR TOPS/When She Was My Girl (Casablanca/PolyGram)	11	10/23	8
FRANKE & THE KNOCKOUTS/Sweetheart (Millennium/RCA)	12	5/8	11
GENESIS/No Reply At All (Atlantic)	13	11/27	6
TERRI GIBBS/Somebody's Knockin' (MCA)	12	4/10	8
DARYL HALL & JOHN OATES/Kiss On My List (RCA)	1(2)	3/27	14
DARYL HALL & JOHN OATES/You Make My Dreams (RCA)	4	6/19	12
DARYL HALL & JOHN OATES/Private Eyes (RCA)	1(2)	10/23	14
DARYL HALL & JOHN OATES/I Can't Go For That (No Can Do) (WB)	14	11/27	3
GEORGE HARRISON/All Those Years Ago (Dark Horse/WB)	1(2)	6/19	11
HEART/Tell It Like It Is (Epic)	7	1/16	4
AL JARREAU/We're In This Love Together (WB)	7	10/16	8
BILLY JOEL/Say Goodbye To Hollywood (Columbia)	14	10/23	9
QUINCY JONES featuring JAMES INGRAM/Just Once (A&M)	10	10/23	9
JOURNEY/Who's Crying Now (Columbia)	1(1)	9/18	15
JOURNEY/Don't Stop Believin' (Columbia)	10	11/27	7
KOOL & THE GANG/Celebration (De-Lite/PolyGram)	7	1/23	10
JOHN LENNON/(Just Like) Starting Over (Geffen/WB)	1(1)	1/9	6
JOHN LENNON/Woman (Geffen/WB)	1(4)	2/6	13
JOHN LENNON/Watching The Wheels (Geffen/WB)	3	5/22	12
LITTLE RIVER BAND/The Night Owls (Capitol)	4	10/9	13
LULU/I Could Never Miss You (More Than I Do) (Alfa)	13	9/18	9
MANHATTAN TRANSFER/Boy From New York City (Atlantic)	9	7/3	10
BARRY MANILOW/I Made It Through The Rain (Arista)	10	1/9	5
BARRY MANILOW/The Old Songs (Arista)	9	11/13	8
DELBERT McCLINTON/Giving It Up For Your Love (Capitol/MSS)	9	2/6	7
DON McLEAN/Crying (Millennium/RCA)	5	2/27	12
RANDY MEISNER/Hearts On Fire (Epic)	11	3/6	9
RONNIE MILSAP/(There's) No Gettin' Over Me (RCA)	6	8/21	14
MOODY BLUES/Gemini Dream (Threshold/PolyGram)	6	7/24	10
MOODY BLUES/The Voice (Threshold/PolyGram)	6	9/25	11
JUICE NEWTON/Angel Of The Morning (Capitol)	4	4/17	11
JUICE NEWTON/Queen Of Hearts (Capitol)	5	8/7	14
OLIVIA NEWTON-JOHN/Physical (MCA)	2	11/27	8
STEVIE NICKS w/TOM PETTY & THE HEARTBREAKERS/Stop Draggin' My Heart Around (Modern/Atco)	3	9/4	12
STEVIE NICKS & DON HENLEY/Leather & Lace (Modern/Atco)	6	11/27	5
OAK RIDGE BOYS/Elvira (MCA)	12	7/17	7
PABLO CRUISE/Cool Love (A&M)	5	8/21	12
RAY PARKER JR. & RAYDIO/A Woman Needs Love (Just Like You Do) (Arista)	5	5/22	13
RAY PARKER JR. & RAYDIO/That Old Song (Arista)	15	8/28	8
ALAN PARSONS PROJECT/Games People Play (Arista)	12	2/20	10
ALAN PARSONS PROJECT/Time (Arista)	7	7/24	10
DOLLY PARTON/9 To 5 (RCA)	2	2/6	12
TOM PETTY & THE HEARTBREAKERS/The Waiting (Backstreet/MCA)	14	6/12	9
POINTER SISTERS/Slow Hand (Planet/Elektra-Asylum)	1(2)	7/31	15
POLICE/De Do Do Do, De Da Da Da (A&M)	14	1/9	3
POLICE/Every Little Thing She Does Is Magic (A&M)	3	11/13	10
QUARTERFLASH/Harden My Heart (Geffen/WB)	11	11/27	5
EDDIE RABBITT/I Love A Rainy Night (Elektra)	5	1/23	9
EDDIE RABBITT/Step By Step (Elektra)	4	9/11	12
REO SPEEDWAGON/Keep On Loving You (Epic)	2	2/20	14
REO SPEEDWAGON/Take It On The Run (Epic)	3	5/1	13
CLIFF RICHARD/A Little In Love (EMI America)	5	2/20	10
LEE RITENOUR/Is It You (Elektra)	9	6/26	10
SMOKEY ROBINSON/Being With You (Tamla/Motown)	1(2)	5/1	14
KENNY ROGERS/I Don't Need You (Liberty)	3	7/10	14
KENNY ROGERS/Share Your Love With Me (Liberty)	8	10/9	8
ROLLING STONES/Start Me Up (Rolling Stones/Atco)	9	9/18	12
DIANA ROSS/Why Do Fools Fall In Love? (RCA)	7	11/27	7
DIANA ROSS & LIONEL RICHIE/Endless Love (Motown)	1(5)	8/14	14
SANTANA/Winning (Columbia)	12	6/19	9
LEO SAYER/More Than I Can Say (WB)	13	1/9	2
LEO SAYER/Living In A Fantasy (WB)	13	3/6	9
BOZ SCAGGS/Miss Sun (Columbia)	10	1/23	7
JOEY SCARBURY/Theme From "Greatest American Hero" (Believe It Or Not) (Elektra)	1(1)	7/24	14
BOB SEGER/Tryin' To Live My Life Without You (Capitol)	5	10/16	10
RICK SPRINGFIELD/Jessie's Girl (RCA)	8	6/19	11
RICK SPRINGFIELD/I've Done Everything For You (RCA)	6	10/16	10
BRUCE SPRINGSTEEN/Hungry Heart (Columbia)	9	1/9	3
STARS ON 45/Medley (Radio/Atlantic)	3	6/5	12
STEELY DAN/Hey Nineteen (MCA)	2	1/23	8
STEELY DAN/Time Out Of Mind (MCA)	13	4/17	8
ROD STEWART/Passion (WB)	4	1/16	6
ROD STEWART/Young Turks (WB)	5	11/27	7
BARBRA STREISAND & BARRY GIBB/Guilty (Columbia)	6	1/9	3
BARBRA STREISAND & BARRY GIBB/What Kind Of Fool (Columbia)	7	3/13	10
STYX/The Best Of Times (A&M)	1(3)	3/6	14
STYX/Too Much Time On My Hands (A&M)	9	5/15	11
TASTE OF HONEY/Sukiyaki (Capitol)	8	5/22	9
JAMES TAYLOR & J.D. SOUTHER/Her Town Too (Columbia)	4	4/24	11
GINO VANNELLI/Living Inside Myself (Arista)	2	5/22	14
GROVER WASHINGTON JR./Just The Two Of Us (Elektra)	1(2)	4/17	15
DOTTIE WEST/What Are We Doing Love (Liberty)	15	5/22	9
STEVE WINWOOD/While You See A Chance (Island/WB)	1(1)	4/10	13
STEVIE WONDER/I Ain't Gonna Stand For It (Tamla/Motown)	15	2/13	7
GARY WRIGHT/Really Wanna Know You (WB)	11	8/21	11

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40 **BARRY MANILOW**/The Old Songs (Arista)
41 **BARRY MANILOW**/I Made It Through The Rain (Arista)
42 **JOHN LENNON**/Watching The Wheels (Geffen/WB)
43 **T.G. SHEPPARD**/I Loved 'Em Every One (WB/Curb)
44 **MIKE POST featuring LARRY CARLTON**/Theme From "Hill Street Blues" (Elektra)
45 **STEELY DAN**/Hey Nineteen (MCA)
46 **RAY PARKER JR. & RAYDIO**/That Old Song (Arista)
47 **ALABAMA**/Feels So Right (RCA)
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64 **JIM PHOTOGLO**/Fool In Love With You (20th)
65 **EMMYLOU HARRIS**/Mister Sandman (WB)
66 **JESSE WINCHESTER**/Say What (Bearsville/WB)
67 **CHAMPAIGN**/How 'Bout Us (Columbia)
68 **ANNE MURRAY**/Blessed Are The Believers (Capitol)
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In many ways, 1981 was a breakthrough year for music on A/C radio, as the average A/C listener both demanded and was offered a wider range of music than ever before.

Particulary exciting was the new exposure and acceptance to burgeoning jazz artists. This year's hit charts bloomed with first-time homeruns by **Grover Washington Jr., Lee Ritenour, Stanley Clarke/George Duke,** and **Al Jarreau,** not to mention continued growth by **Quincy Jones** and **Manhattan Transfer.**

Also significant were the major contributions made to A/C by several key figures in rock world. Artists succeeding with their explorations into mellower, more mass appeal stylings included several who had seldom ventured in this direction before, such as **Foreigner, Journey, Climax Blues Band, Blondie, Steve Winwood, Styx, Alan Parsons Project, Kim Carnes,** and **Stevie Nicks/Don Henley.**

1980 brought the first wave of country influence to A/C, as several country artists gained a foothold when the nation put its boots on in a massive pop culture roundup. 1981 was an even bigger year, as the number of country artists with a Top 15 A/C hit *doubled* from 1980. New in the saddle this year included **Ronnie Milsap, Dolly Parton, Dottie West, John Denver, Juice Newton, Terri Gibbs, T.G. Sheppard, Oak Ridge Boys, Alabama, Emmylou Harris,** and **Rosanne Cash.** It's no wonder so many A/C stations either integrated Country artists into their programming or converted to Country altogether. Indeed, three of the Top 10 records of the year were by country-based artists: **Kenny Rogers, Dottie West,** and **Ronnie Milsap.** From the sounds of 1981, we can look for the trend of Country music to be a big part of A/C's most popular music in the future.

Although there were more hit duets in 1980 (10 last year to this year's 9), 1981 contained *four* #1 duets: **Taylor/Souther's** "Her Town Too," **Streisand/Gibb's** "What Kind Of Fool," **West/Rogers's** "What Are We Doing In Love," and the number one record of the year, "Endless Love" by **Ross/Richie.** The Taylor/Souther and Ross/Richie triumphs both outlasted any #1 hit from 1980, as they each commanded the summit for five weeks. As a result, three of the top seven records of the year were duets.

1981 was another banner year, with twice as many artists scoring triple hits as last year. Including duets, *ten* recording talents (nine of them solo artists) broke three Top 15 songs this year: **Air Supply, Christopher Cross, Sheena Easton, Kenny Rogers, John Lennon, Ronnie Milsap, Barry Manilow, Juice Newton, Don McLean,** and **Diana Ross.** Two more smashed home four: **Neil Diamond** and **Barbra Streisand.** Last year, three others did it (**Anne Murray, Kenny Rogers, Olivia Newton-John**). If any conclusion can be drawn, perhaps more than anything is that A/C listeners, like those of any other format, *know* who they enjoy and want to hear a *lot* of them.

It was a phenomenal year for soundtracks, as some songs outperformed the movies they were included with. No less than *five* songs smashed #1 as part of a movie, and two more from TV shows made the Top 5. Shining far above all others was again the #1 song of the year, "Endless Love." Not to be forgotten are Neil Diamond's twin #1 hits from the "Jazz Singer": "Hello Again," and "America." Also going all the way were Dolly Parton's "9 To 5" and Christopher Cross's "Arthur's Theme." Sheena Easton's "For Your Eyes Only" peaked at #5, while the TV themes by **Joey Scarbury** and **Mike Post** reached #2 and #4, respectively.

Could last year's crop of a half-dozen hits as oldie remakes by repeated in 1981? You bet! Eight different oldie covers – one a medley – made the Top 15, and one of them, "Crying" by Don McLean, reached #1. This year's collection also included "Boy From New York City," "Angel Of The Morning," "Why Do Fools Fall In Love," "Since I Don't Have You," "Sukiyaki," "Mister Sandman," and the **Stars On 45** oldie medley. As this goes to press, the **Beach Boys** are breaking one of their own with "Come Go With Me." With 7% of [illegible]'s Top 15 [illegible]rds being oldie remakes, we can expect artists to continue to try them.

THE TOP 15

Records That Reached The Top 15

A/C

	Peak Position (wks/#1)	Peak Date	Weeks On Chart
ABBA/The Winner Takes It All (Atlantic)	3	2/6	12
AIR SUPPLY/Every Woman In The World (Arista)	2	1/9	7
AIR SUPPLY/The One That You Love (Arista)	1(3)	7/3	16
AIR SUPPLY/Here I Am (Just When I Thought I Was Over You) (Arista)	1(1)	11/6	11
ALABAMA/Feels So Right (RCA)	9	8/21	14
MARTY BALIN/Hearts (EMI America)	6	7/17	14
MARTY BALIN/Atlanta Lady (Something About Your Love) (EMI America)	11	10/23	9
GEORGE BENSON/Turn Your Love Around (WB)	15	11/27	4
BLONDIE/The Tide Is High (Chrysalis)	1(1)	1/30	10
KIM CARNES/Bette Davis Eyes (EMI America)	7	6/5	14
CARPENTERS/Touch Me When We're Dancing (A&M)	3	8/7	14
CARPENTERS/(Want You) Back In My Life Again (A&M)	14	10/23	8
ROSANNE CASH/Seven Year Ache (Columbia)	8	7/10	13
CHAMPAIGN/How 'Bout Us (Columbia)	10	5/15	10
CHRIS CHRISTIAN/I Want You, I Need You (Boardwalk)	8	11/20	8
STANLEY CLARKE/GEORGE DUKE/Sweet Baby (Epic)	15	8/7	9
CLIMAX BLUES BAND/I Love You (WB)	14	5/8	9
COMMODORES/Lady (You Bring Me Up) (Motown)	13	8/28	11
COMMODORES/Oh No (Motown)	3	11/13	9
CHRISTOPHER CROSS/Never Be The Same (WB)	10	1/9	3
CHRISTOPHER CROSS/Say You'll Be Mine (WB)	7	5/22	10
CHRISTOPHER CROSS/Arthur's Theme (Best That You Can Do) (WB)	1(3)	9/18	15
PAUL DAVIS/Cool Night (Arista)	11	11/27	3
JOHN DENVER/Some Days Are Diamonds (RCA)	13	8/7	11
NEIL DIAMOND/Love On The Rocks (Capitol)	3	1/6	6
NEIL DIAMOND/Hello Again (Capitol)	1(1)	3/13	13
NEIL DIAMOND/America (Capitol)	1(2)	6/12	13
NEIL DIAMOND/Yesterday's Songs (Columbia)	1(1)	11/27	5
EAGLES/Seven Bridge Road (Asylum)	14	2/13	7
SHEENA EASTON/Morning Train (Nine To Five) EMI America)	2	4/3	13
SHEENA EASTON/Modern Girl (EMI America)	9	7/10	11
SHEENA EASTON/For Your Eyes Only (EMI America)	5	9/18	14
DAN FOGELBERG/Same Old Lang Syne (Full Moon/Epic)	6	2/13	11
DAN FOGELBERG/Hard To Say (Full Moon/Epic)	1(4)	10/9	14
FOREIGNER/Waiting For A Girl Like You (Atlantic)	5	11/27	7
FOUR TOPS/When She Was My Girl (Casablanca/PolyGram)	10	10/16	11
ART GARFUNKEL/A Heart In New York (Columbia)	8	9/11	10
DAVID GATES/Take Me Now (Arista)	13	10/2	9
TERRI GIBBS/Somebody's Knockin' (MCA)	5	3/20	15
MICKEY GILLEY/You Don't Know Me (Epic)	11	9/11	11
DARYL HALL & JOHN OATES/Kiss On My List (RCA)	9	3/20	11
EMMYLOU HARRIS/Mister Sandman (WB)	1(1)	6/26	13
GEORGE HARRISON/All Those Years Ago (Dark Horse/WB)	6	4/17	10
AL JARREAU/We're In This Love Together (WB)	4	10/16	15
QUINCY JONES featuring JAMES INGRAM/Just Once (A&M)	6	10/16	13
JOURNEY/Who's Crying Now (Columbia)	12	9/18	9
FRED KNOBLOCK & SUSAN ANTON/Killin' Time (Scotti Bros./Atlantic)	11	1/30	7
JOHN LENNON/(Just Like) Starting Over (Geffen/WB)	10	1/16	5
JOHN LENNON/Woman (Geffen/WB)	1(3)	2/20	14
JOHN LENNON/Watching The Wheels (Geffen/WB)	3	5/22	12
LULU/I Could Never Miss You (More Than I Do) (Alfa)	3	9/25	13
MANHATTAN TRANSFER/Boy From New York City (Atlantic)	4	7/17	13
BARRY MANILOW/I Made It Through The Rain (Arista)	1(3)	1/9	7
BARRY MANILOW/Lonely Together (Arista)	6	4/24	8
BARRY MANILOW/The Old Songs (Arista)	1(2)	11/13	9
DON McLEAN/Crying (Millennium/RCA)	1(1)	3/20	14
DON McLEAN/Since I Don't Have You (Millennium/RCA)	4	6/5	10
DON McLEAN/Castles In The Air (Millennium/RCA)	9	11/27	6
BETTE MIDLER/My Mother's Eyes (Atlantic)	15	1/23	6
RONNIE MILSAP/Smoky Mountain Rain (RCA)	7	2/27	13
RONNIE MILSAP/(There's) No Gettin' Over Me (RCA)	2	8/21	15
RONNIE MILSAP/I Wouldn't Have Missed It For The World (RCA)	13	11/27	4
MOODY BLUES/The Voice (Threshold/PolyGram)	14	9/25	8
ANNE MURRAY/Blessed Are The Believers (Capitol)	11	6/5	11
ANNE MURRAY/It's All I Can Do (Capitol)	15	10/30	10
JUICE NEWTON/Angel Of The Morning (Capitol)	2	4/10	11
JUICE NEWTON/Queen of Hearts (Capitol)	4	7/31	17
JUICE NEWTON/The Sweetest Thing (I've Ever Known) (Capitol)	7	11/27	5
OLIVIA NEWTON-JOHN/Suddenly (MCA)	8	1/9	4
STEVIE NICKS & DON HENLEY/Leather & Lace (Modern/Atco)	12	11/27	3
OAK RIDGE BOYS/Elvira (MCA)	13	7/10	11
GILBERT O'SULLIVAN/What's In A Kiss (Epic)	15	4/3	8
RAY PARKER JR. & RAYDIO/A Woman Needs Love (Just Like You Do) (Arista)	8	6/5	13
RAY PARKER JR. & RAYDIO/That Old Song (Arista)	5	9/4	11
ALAN PARSONS PROJECT/Time (Arista)	10	7/31	13
DOLLY PARTON/9 To 5 (RCA)	1(2)	2/6	13
JIM PHOTOGLO/Fool In Love With You (20th/RCA)	11	6/12	13
POINTER SISTERS/Slow Hand (Planet/Elektra-Asylum)	6	8/21	16
MIKE POST featuring LARRY CARLTON/Theme From "Hill Street Blues" (Elektra)	4	11/13	10
PURE PRAIRIE LEAGUE/Still Right Here In My Heart (Casablanca/PolyGram)	8	6/19	10
EDDIE RABBITT/I Love A Rainy Night (Elektra)	2	1/23	11
EDDIE RABBITT/Step By Step (Elektra)	2	9/11	14
CLIFF RICHARD/A Little In Love (EMI America)	5	2/27	13
LEE RITENOUR/Is It You? (Elektra)	7	7/10	11
SMOKEY ROBINSON/Being With You (Tamla/Motown)	2	5/1	13
KENNY ROGERS/I Don't Need You (Liberty)	3	8/21	15
KENNY ROGERS/Share Your Love With Me (Liberty)	2	10/16	12
DIANA ROSS/It's My Turn (Motown)	7	1/9	6
DIANA ROSS/Why Do Fools Fall In Love? (RCA)	4	11/20	7
DIANA ROSS & LIONEL RICHIE/Endless Love (Motown)	1(5)	8/21	16
LEO SAYER/More Than I Can Say (WB)	9	1/9	4
LEO SAYER/Living In A Fantasy (WB)	12	3/27	8
BOZ SCAGGS/Miss Sun (Columbia)	13	2/6	8
JOEY SCARBURY/Theme From "Greatest American Hero" (Elektra)	2	7/17	15
JOHN SCHNEIDER/It's Now Or Never (Scotti Bros.)	15	8/14	10
T.G. SHEPPARD/I Loved 'Em Every One (WB/Curb)	5	5/8	11
SPYRO GYRA/Cafe Amour (MCA)	12	3/6	9
STARS ON 45/Medley (Radio/Atlantic)	12	6/5	10
STEELY DAN/Hey Nineteen (MCA)	7	2/6	11
STEELY DAN/Time Out of Mind (MCA)	11	4/24	8
BARBRA STREISAND/Promises (Columbia)	5	6/26	11
BARBRA STREISAND/Comin' In And Out Of Your Life (Columbia)	6	11/27	3
BARBRA STREISAND & BARRY GIBB/Guilty (Columbia)	1(2)	3/27	15
STYX/The Best Of Times (A&M)	14	3/13	7
TASTE OF HONEY/Sukiyaki (Capitol)	11	5/22	10
JAMES TAYLOR & J.D. SOUTHER/Her Town Too (Columbia)	1(5)	4/17	13
GINO VANNELLI/Living Inside Myself (Arista)	1(1)	5/22	14
GROVER WASHINGTON JR./Just The Two Of Us (Elektra)	3	4/3	13
DOTTIE WEST/What Are We Doing In Love (Liberty)	1(2)	5/29	16
JESSE WINCHESTER/Say What (Bearsville/WB)	7	6/12	11
STEVE WINWOOD/While You See A Chance (Island/WB)	7	4/24	9
STEVIE WOODS/Steal The Night (Cotillion/Atco)	13	11/13	8

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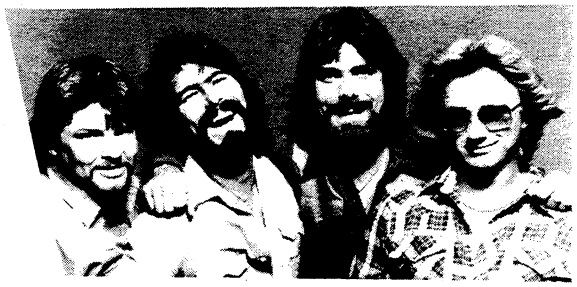

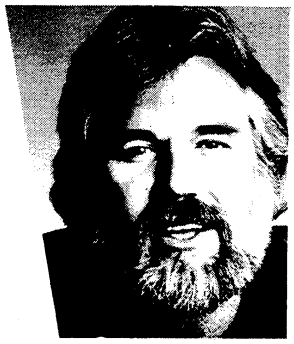

1 **EDDIE RABBITT**/Step By Step (Elektra)
2 **T.G. SHEPPARD**/Party Time (WB/Curb)
3 **LACY J. DALTON**/Takin' It Easy (Columbia)
4 **RONNIE MILSAP**/(There's) No Gettin' Over Me (RCA)
5 **BARBARA MANDRELL**/Wish You Were Here (MCA)
6 **KENNY ROGERS**/I Don't Need You (EMI/Liberty)
7 **OAK RIDGE BOYS**/Elvira (MCA)
8 **ALABAMA**/Feels So Right (RCA)
9 **MICKEY GILLEY**/You Don't Know Me (Epic)
10 **CRYSTAL GAYLE**/Too Many Lovers (Columbia)
11 **DOLLY PARTON**/But You Know I Love You (RCA)
12 **DON WILLIAMS**/Falling Again (MCA)
13 **JOHNNY LEE**/Prisoner Of Hope (Full Moon/Asylum)
14 **CHARLEY PRIDE**/Never Been So Loved (In All My Life) (RCA)
15 **DON WILLIAMS**/Miracles (MCA)
16 **ROSANNE CASH**/Seven Year Ache (Columbia)
17 **T.G. SHEPPARD**/I Loved 'Em Every One (WB/Curb)
18 **ALABAMA**/Old Flame (RCA)
19 **CONWAY TWITTY**/Tight-Fittin' Jeans (MCA)
20 **OAK RIDGE BOYS**/Fancy Free (MCA)
21 **ANNE MURRAY**/Blessed Are The Believers (Capitol)
22 **DOTTIE WEST**/What Are We Doin' In Love (EMI/Liberty)
23 **BARBARA MANDRELL**/I Was Country When Country Wasn't Cool (MCA)
24 **WILLIE NELSON**/Angel Flying Too Close To The Ground (Columbia)
25 **DAVID FRIZZELL & SHELLY WEST**/You're The Reason God Made Oklahoma (WB)
26 **JANIE FRICKE**/I'll Need Someone To Hold Me When I Cry (Columbia)
27 **CHARLY McCLAIN**/Sleepin' With The Radio On (Epic)
28 **SYLVIA**/Drifter (RCA)
29 **HANK WILLIAMS JR.**/All My Rowdy Friends (Have Settled Down) (Elektra/Curb)
30 **MICKEY GILLEY**/A Headache Tomorrow (Or A Heartache Tonight) (Epic)
31 **JOHNNY LEE**/Pickin' Up Strangers (Full Moon/Asylum)
32 **STATLER BROTHERS**/Don't Wait On Me (Mercury/PolyGram)
33 **MERLE HAGGARD**/Rainbow Stew (MCA)
34 **STEVE WARINER**/By Now (RCA)
35 **EMMYLOU HARRIS & DON WILLIAMS**/If I Needed You (WB)
36 **HANK WILLIAMS JR.**/Texas Women (Elektra/Curb)
37 **JOHN ANDERSON**/I'm Just An Old Chunk Of Coal... (WB)
38 **RONNIE McDOWELL**/Older Women (Epic)
39 **JOHN CONLEE**/Miss Emily's Picture (MCA)
40 **TOMPALL & THE GLASER BROTHERS**/Lovin' Her Was Easier... (Elektra)
41 **LEON EVERETTE**/Hurricane (RCA)
42 **RAZZY BAILEY**/Friends (RCA)
43 **MEL TILLIS**/Southern Rains (Elektra)
44 **CHARLEY PRIDE**/Roll On Mississippi (RCA)
45 **CHARLY McCLAIN**/Surround Me With Love (Epic)
46 **RONNIE MILSAP**/Am I Losing You (RCA)
47 **CONWAY TWITTY & LORETTA LYNN**/I Still Believe In Waltzes (MCA)
48 **EARL THOMAS CONLEY**/Fire And Smoke (Sunbird)
49 **HANK WILLIAMS JR.**/Dixie On My Mind (Elektra/Curb)
50 **DOTTIE WEST**/Are You Happy Baby? (EMI/Liberty)
51 **MERLE HAGGARD**/My Favorite Memory (Epic)
52 **ELVIS PRESLEY**/Guitar Man (RCA)
53 **TANYA TUCKER**/Can I See You Tonight (MCA)
54 **MAC DAVIS**/Hooked On Music (Casablanca/PolyGram)
55 **GAIL DAVIES**/It's A Lovely, Lovely World (WB)
56 **ROSANNE CASH**/My Baby Thinks He's A Train (Columbia)
57 **RAZZY BAILEY**/Midnight Hauler (RCA)
58 **BELLAMY BROTHERS**/Do You Love As Good As You Look (WB/Curb)
59 **DAVE ROWLAND & SUGAR**/Fool By Your Side (Elektra)
60 **SYLVIA**/The Matador (RCA)
61 **CHARLY McCLAIN**/Who's Cheatin' Who (Epic)
62 **T.G. SHEPPARD**/I Feel Like Loving You Again (WB/Curb)
63 **KENNY ROGERS**/Share Your Love With Me (EMI/Liberty)
64 **JERRY LEE LEWIS**/Thirty Nine And Holding (Elektra)
65 **GEORGE JONES**/If Drinkin' Don't Kill Me (Her Memory Will) (Epic)
66 **DOLLY PARTON**/9 To 5 (RCA)
67 **JOHNNY LEE**/Bet Your Heart On Me (Full Moon/Asylum)
68 **GAIL DAVIES**/I'll Be There (WB)
69 **GAIL DAVIES**/Grandma's Song (WB)
70 **MEL TILLIS**/A Million Old Goodbyes (Elektra)
71 **MEL McDANIEL**/Right In The Palm Of Your Hand (Capitol)
72 **VERN GOSDIN**/Dream Of Me (Ovation)
73 **MEL McDANIEL**/Louisiana Saturday Night (Capitol)
74 **CONWAY TWITTY & LORETTA LYNN**/Lovin' What Your Lovin' Does To Me (MCA)
75 **ED BRUCE**/(When You Fall In Love) Everything's A Waltz (MCA)
76 **EMMYLOU HARRIS**/Mister Sandman (WB)
77 **JOHN ANDERSON**/1959 (WB)
78 **GEORGE JONES**/Still Doin' Time (Epic)
79 **RONNIE McDOWELL**/Wandering Eyes (Epic)
80 **MOE BANDY & JOE STAMPLEY**/Hey Joe, Hey Moe (Columbia)
81 **JIM ED BROWN & HELEN CORNELIUS**/Don't Bother To Knock (RCA)

1981 will be remembered in country music circles as the year of the Country Crossover. In fact, several "country" tunes went higher on the Adult/Contemporary year-end chart than they did on the Country chart, most notably **Juice Newton's** "Queen Of Hearts" (#12 A/C) and **Terri Gibbs's** "Somebody's Knockin' " (#27 A/C). Quite a few songs did well with both Country and A/C audiences, however, as evidenced by seven out of the top ten songs on our chart which also crossed over to other formats.

Eddie Rabbitt once again takes the top award (he was number one last year with "Drivin' My Life Away"), as "Step By Step" has the distinction of being the only song to remain in the number one position on the Country chart for four weeks running. Holding down the top spot for three weeks in a row were **Kenny Rogers's** "I Don't Need You," the **Oak Ridge Boys'** "Elvira," **Dolly Parton's** "9 To 5," and two songs by **Alabama**, "Feels So Right" and "Old Flame."

Four groups or artists scored two songs each in the first 20 of the Top 81, **T.G. Sheppard, Don Williams**, Alabama, and the Oaks. A glance over the entire chart shows **T.G., Johnny Lee, Charly McClain, Hank Williams Jr.** and **Gail Davies** with three entries apiece. Don Williams and **Conway Twitty** also enter this elite group if you consider their duets with **Emmylou Harris** and **Loretta Lynn** respectively. In all, the male vocalists outsang the females for this year's chart positions, 45 to 22 (the balance were composed of groups or duets).

RCA Records maintained its position as the top Country label with 16 entries on the year-end chart. Following close behind are **MCA Records** with 13, **Elektra** (including **Elektra/Curb** and **Full Moon/Asylum**) with 12, **Warner Brothers** (including **WB/Curb**) also with 12, **Epic** with 10, and **Columbia** and **Capitol/EMIA/Liberty** with seven each. RCA also takes top honors for having the most number one records throughout the year (8) with MCA placing second (6) and both Warner Brothers (WB/Curb) and Elektra (Elektra/Curb, Full Moon/Asylum) running neck and neck (5).

The past twelve months has been a period of phenomenal growth for both country music and Country radio. Country listenership has gone up tremendously in many, many markets, even in the hard-to-crack Northern urban communities. Part of this increase is due to the exposure country music has acquired on other radio formats. It looks as if we were right all along . . . if you don't like country music, it's only because you haven't *listened* to country music! Let's hope that next year shows an even greater increase in the popularity of this purely American artform.

The Country Top 81 of 1981 was computed using a reverse point-value system from all R&R Country charts for the period of January 9, 1981 through November 27, 1981.

R&R

THE TOP 15

Records That Reached The Top 15

Country

	Peak Position (wks/#1)	Peak Date	Weeks On Chart
ALABAMA/Old Flame (RCA)	1(3)	3/27	12
ALABAMA/Feels So Right (RCA)	1(3)	7/3	13
ALABAMA/Love In The First Degree (RCA)	6	11/27	7
REX ALLEN JR. & MARGO SMITH/Cup Of Tea (WB)	7	2/20	10
JOHN ANDERSON/1959 (WB)	3	1/30	8
JOHN ANDERSON/I'm Just An Old Chunk Of Coal... (WB)	3	5/22	12
EDDY ARNOLD/Don't Look Now (But We Just Fell In Love) (RCA)	12	2/13	9
RAZZY BAILEY/I Keep Coming Back (RCA)	9	1/9	7
RAZZY BAILEY/Friends (RCA)	6	5/22	11
RAZZY BAILEY/Midnight Hauler (RCA)	7	9/18	12
MOE BANDY/My Woman Loves The Devil Out Of Me (Columbia)	13	6/19	10
MOE BANDY & JUDY BAILEY/Following The Feeling (Columbia)	13	1/23	7
MOE BANDY & JOE STAMPLEY/Hey Joe, Hey Moe (Columbia)	6	5/8	11
BELLAMY BROTHERS/Do You Love As Good As You Look (WB/Curb)	1(1)	3/6	10
BELLAMY BROTHERS/They Could Put Me In Jail (WB/Curb)	9	7/17	10
BELLAMY BROTHERS/You're My Favorite Star (WB/Curb)	9	11/27	6
JIM ED BROWN & HELEN CORNELIUS/Don't Bother To Knock (RCA)	8	7/10	10
ED BRUCE/Girls, Women, Ladies (MCA)	8	1/16	4
ED BRUCE/(When You Fell In Love) Everything's A Waltz (MCA)	8	10/2	10
GLEN CAMPBELL/Any Which Way You Can (WB)	9	1/30	7
GLEN CAMPBELL/I Love My Truck (Mirage/Atlantic)	12	10/2	9
JOHNNY CASH/The Baron (Columbia)	13	5/15	8
ROSANNE CASH/Seven Year Ache (Columbia)	4	5/15	14
ROSANNE CASH/My Baby Thinks He's A Train (Columbia)	6	10/30	11
JOHN CONLEE/What I Had With You (MCA)	10	3/20	10
JOHN CONLEE/Miss Emily's Picture (MCA)	6	11/6	11
EARL THOMAS CONLEY/Fire And Smoke (Sunbird)	7	6/26	13
BILLY "CRASH" CRADDOCK/I Just Need You For Tonight (Capitol)	11	8/28	10
SONNY CURTIS/Good Ol' Girls (Elektra)	13	7/3	9
LACY J. DALTON/Hillbilly Girl With The Blues (Columbia)	7	2/13	9
LACY J. DALTON/Whisper (Columbia)	10	5/29	10
LACY J. DALTON/Takin' It Easy (Columbia)	3	9/25	15
DAVE ROWLAND & SUGAR/Fool By Your Side (Elektra)	5	7/10	11
GAIL DAVIES/I'll Be There (WB)	3	2/13	8
GAIL DAVIES/It's A Lovely, Lovely World (WB)	7	6/5	12
GAIL DAVIES/Grandma's Song (WB)	6	10/16	11
MAC DAVIS/Hooked On Music (Casablanca/PolyGram)	5	4/17	12
JOHN DENVER/Some Days Are Diamonds (Some Days Are Stone) (RCA)	12	8/28	10
LEON EVERETTE/If I Keep Going Crazy (RCA)	15	5/1	8
LEON EVERETTE/Hurricane (RCA)	4	9/25	12
JANIE FRICKE/Down To My Last Broken Heart (Columbia)	5	1/9	5
JANIE FRICKE/Pride (Columbia)	8	5/8	9
JANIE FRICKE/I'll Need Someone To Hold Me (When I Cry) (Columbia)	5	10/2	13
DAVID FRIZZELL & SHELLY WEST/You're The Reason God Made Oklahoma (WB)	2	4/10	12
DAVID FRIZZELL & SHELLY WEST/A Texas State Of Mind (WB)	9	8/21	9
LARRY GATLIN/What Are We Doin' Lonesome (Columbia)	7	11/27	8
CRYSTAL GAYLE/Take It Easy (Columbia)	9	4/3	10
CRYSTAL GAYLE/Too Many Lovers (Columbia)	2	7/24	14
CRYSTAL GAYLE/The Woman In Me (Columbia)	8	11/27	7
TERRI GIBBS/Somebody's Knockin' (MCA)	12	1/9	4
MICKEY GILLEY/A Headache Tomorrow (Or A Heartache Tonight) (Epic)	1(1)	4/17	12
MICKEY GILLEY/You Don't Know Me (Epic)	1(1)	9/4	13
VERN GOSDIN/Dream Of Me (Ovation)	8	7/24	11
MERLE HAGGARD/Think I'll Just Stay Here And Drink (MCA)	4	1/9	4
MERLE HAGGARD/Leonard (MCA)	7	4/10	9
MERLE HAGGARD/Rainbow Stew (MCA)	2	8/7	12
MERLE HAGGARD/My Favorite Memory (Epic)	2	11/20	10
EMMYLOU HARRIS/Mister Sandman (WB)	4	4/24	10
EMMYLOU HARRIS & DON WILLIAMS/If I Needed You (WB)	1(1)	11/20	11
CON HUNLEY/What's New With You (WB)	12	2/27	9
WAYLON JENNINGS & JESSI COLTER/Wild Side Of Life... (RCA)	13	7/31	8
WAYLON JENNINGS & JESSI COLTER/Storms Never Last (RCA)	13	4/10	9
GEORGE JONES/If Drinkin' Don't Kill Me (Her Memory Will) (Epic)	5	3/6	11
GEORGE JONES/Still Doin' Time (Epic)	4	11/27	7
KIERAN KANE/You're The Best (Elektra)	10	8/21	10
KENDALLS/Teach Me To Cheat (Mercury/PolyGram)	8	10/23	10
FRED KNOBLOCK/Memphis (Scotti Bros./CBS)	13	10/23	8
JOHNNY LEE/One In A Million (Full Moon/Asylum)	10	1/9	3
JOHNNY LEE/Pickin' Up Strangers (Full Moon/Asylum)	2	4/3	11
JOHNNY LEE/Prisoner Of Hope (Full Moon/Asylum)	1(1)	7/24	13
JOHNNY LEE/Bet Your Heart On Me (Full Moon/Asylum)	1(2)	11/27	9
JERRY LEE LEWIS/Thirty Nine And Holding (Elektra)	5	3/13	11
BARBARA MANDRELL/I Was Country When Country Wasn't Cool (MCA)	1(2)	6/19	11
BARBARA MANDRELL/Wish You Were Here (MCA)	1(1)	11/6	13
CHARLY McCLAIN/Who's Cheatin' Who (Epic)	3	2/6	9
CHARLY McCLAIN/Surround Me With Love (Epic)	5	7/3	11
CHARLY McCLAIN/Sleepin' With The Radio On (Epic)	3	10/30	13
MEL McDANIEL/Louisiana Saturday Night (Capitol)	8	5/29	11
MEL McDANIEL/Right In The Palm Of Your Hand (Capitol)	7	9/25	11
RONNIE McDOWELL/Wandering Eyes (Epic)	7	3/6	11
RONNIE McDOWELL/Older Women (Epic)	5	8/21	11
REBA McENTIRE/Today All Over Again (Mercury/PolyGram)	10	9/25	11
DON McLEAN/Crying (Millennium/RCA)	9	3/27	8
RONNIE MILSAP/Am I Losing You (RCA)	2	5/8	11
RONNIE MILSAP/(There's) No Gettin' Over Me (RCA)	1(2)	8/21	13
RONNIE MILSAP/I Wouldn't Have Missed It For The World (RCA)	11	11/27	5
GARY MORRIS/Headed For A Heartache (WB)	15	11/27	5
ANNE MURRAY/Blessed Are The Believers (Capitol)	2	6/12	14
ANNE MURRAY/We Don't Have To Hold Out (Capitol)	13	8/28	8
ANNE MURRAY/It's All I Can Do (Capitol)	12	11/13	10
WILLIE NELSON/Angel Flying Too Close To The Ground (Columbia)	1(1)	2/27	12
WILLIE NELSON/Mona Lisa (Columbia)	14	5/29	8
WILLIE NELSON & RAY PRICE/Don't You Ever Get Tired... (Columbia)	10	1/30	7
JUICE NEWTON/Angel Of The Morning (Capitol)	15	4/24	8
JUICE NEWTON/Queen Of Hearts (Capitol)	13	8/14	10
OAK RIDGE BOYS/Beautiful You (MCA)	1(1)	1/9	6
OAK RIDGE BOYS/Elvira (MCA)	1(3)	5/15	13
OAK RIDGE BOYS/Fancy Free (MCA)	1(2)	10/23	11
DOLLY PARTON/9 To 5 (RCA)	1(3)	1/16	8
DOLLY PARTON/But You Know I Love You (RCA)	1(2)	6/5	13
ELVIS PRESLEY/Guitar Man (RCA)	1(1)	3/13	11
ELVIS PRESLEY/Lovin' Arms (RCA)	11	6/12	9
RAY PRICE/It Don't Hurt Me Half As Bad (Dimension)	13	9/25	8
CHARLEY PRIDE/Roll On Mississippi (RCA)	2	5/1	12
CHARLEY PRIDE/Never Been So Loved (In All My Life) (RCA)	1(1)	10/16	13
EDDIE RABBITT/I Love A Rainy Night (Elektra)	2	1/9	5
EDDIE RABBITT/Step By Step (Elektra)	1(4)	9/18	14
KENNY ROGERS/I Don't Need You (EMI/Liberty)	1(3)	7/31	11
KENNY ROGERS/Share Your Love With Me (EMI/Liberty)	4	10/30	9
JOHN SCHNEIDER/It's Now Or Never (Scotti Bros./CBS)	10	8/7	9
T.G. SHEPPARD/I Feel Like Loving You Again (WB/Curb)	1(1)	2/6	8
T.G. SHEPPARD/I Loved 'Em Every One (WB/Curb)	1(2)	5/1	12
T.G. SHEPPARD/Party Time (WB/Curb)	1(1)	9/11	13
RICKY SKAGGS/You May See Me Walkin' (Epic)	12	11/27	9
JOE STAMPLEY/Whiskey Chasin' (Epic)	15	7/24	7
JOE STAMPLEY/I'm Gonna Love You Back To Lovin' Me Again (Epic)	9	3/20	10
STATLER BROTHERS/Don't Forget Yourself (Mercury/PolyGram)	7	1/9	4
STATLER BROTHERS/Don't Wait On Me (Mercury/PolyGram)	3	8/14	12
GEORGE STRAIT/Unwound (MCA)	10	7/31	9
BILLY SWAN/I'm Into Lovin' You (Epic)	15	9/18	7
SYLVIA/The Matador (RCA)	4	6/26	10
SYLVIA/Drifter (RCA)	1(1)	3/20	12
SYLVIA/Heart On The Mend (RCA)	9	11/13	10
MEL TILLIS/Southern Rains (Elektra)	1(1)	2/13	9
MEL TILLIS/A Million Old Goodbyes (Elektra)	6	5/29	11
MEL TILLIS/One-Night Fever (Elektra)	9	11/6	10
TOMPALL & THE GLASER BROTHERS/Lovin' Her Was Easier... (Elektra)	3	7/3	11
TANYA TUCKER/Can I See You Tonight (MCA)	4	2/27	11
CONWAY TWITTY/Rest Your Love On Me (MCA)	11	4/24	10
CONWAY TWITTY/Tight-Fittin' Jeans (MCA)	3	9/4	14
CONWAY TWITTY & LORETTA LYNN/I Still Believe In Waltzes (MCA)	5	7/31	11
CONWAY TWITTY & LORETTA LYNN/Lovin' What Your Lovin' Does... (MCA)	7	3/27	11
PORTER WAGONER & DOLLY PARTON/If You Go, I'll Follow You (RCA)	6	1/9	3
JACKY WARD/Somethin' On The Radio (Mercury/PolyGram)	14	3/13	9
STEVE WARINER/Your Memory (RCA)	8	1/30	7
STEVE WARINER/By Now (RCA)	3	6/26	13
STEVE WARINER/All Roads Lead To You (RCA)	5	11/27	8
GENE WATSON/Fourteen Carat Mind (MCA)	10	11/27	7
DOTTIE WEST/Are You Happy Baby? (EMI/Liberty)	1(1)	2/20	11
DOTTIE WEST/What Are We Doin' In Love (EMI/Liberty)	2	5/29	12
DOTTIE WEST/(I'm Gonna) Put You Back On The Rack (EMI/Liberty)	15	9/4	9
DON WILLIAMS/Falling Again (MCA)	1(1)	4/24	13
DON WILLIAMS/Miracles (MCA)	2	8/28	12
HANK WILLIAMS JR./Texas Women (Elektra/Curb)	2	3/20	11
HANK WILLIAMS JR./Dixie On My Mind (Elektra/Curb)	4	7/17	11
HANK WILLIAMS JR./All My Rowdy Friends (Have Settled Down) (Elektra/Curb)	1(1)	11/13	13
TAMMY WYNETTE/Crying In The Rain (Epic)	13	10/30	8

TOP 81 OF '81 AOR

The AOR Top 81 of 1981 compiles airplay data from R&R's AOR National Airplay/40 charts of January through November of this year. Albums that debuted close to year's end (such as **J. Geils, Loverboy, Rod Stewart, Neil Young, Cars, Black Sabbath, AC/DC,** etc.) may not have garnered sufficient points to show up on this year's listing, and will be reflected on next year's compilation.

Fourteen artists made number one this year (compared to nine last year), with the Stones staying in that position for 10 weeks by the end of November. That's almost double the chart-topping action of any other artist this year (**Foreigner** and **Who** both had #1 albums for six weeks in 1981).

Only four acts who released two albums in 1981 charted both: **Pat Benatar, Journey, Police,** and **Pretenders.**

Interestingly, while AOR has undeniably tightened up in 1981, it also paid more attention this year to developing artists than it did in 1980. Among the charted newer acts this year were **Quarterflash** (certainly the year's success story in terms of a new band), **Red Rider, Rick Springfield, Donnie Iris, Sherbs, Icehouse, Diesel,** and **Danny Joe Brown.**

As usual, AOR was dominated by male artists (71). It was nearly evenly divided between American acts (40) and foreigners (41), with five of the 81 positions filled by Canadian bands.

One down trend this year was AOR interest in soundtracks. Whereas five soundtracks showed up on last year's list, only two ("Heavy Metal" and "Kampuchea") charted this year.

For the third year in a row, **Warner Brothers** was *the* AOR label, placing 15 acts on our year-end compilation. The other labels broke down as follows: **A&M** (6), **Arista** (4), **Atlantic/Atco** (11), **Capitol** (6), **Chrysalis** (4). **Columbia** (9), **Elektra/Asylum** (3), **E/P/A** (7), **EMIA** (3), **MCA** (5), **Polygram** (5), and **RCA** (3).

Conspicuous in their absence this year were several artists who performed well on 1980's list, but who did not release or chart new albums in time to show up on this year's list: Among them: **Pink Floyd, Jackson Browne, Linda Ronstadt, Kansas, Eddie Money, Todd Rundgren, Boz Scaggs, Supertramp, Warren Zevon, Peter Gabriel, Charlie Daniels Band, David Bowie, Roxy Music, Aerosmith, Christopher Cross,** and **Jethro Tull.**

1	**ROLLING STONES**	Tattoo You (Rolling Stones/Atco)	**"Start" "Waiting"** "Fire" "T&A"
2	**FOREIGNER**	4 (Atlantic)	**"Urgent" "Waiting"** "Hero" "Break"
3	**BILLY SQUIER**	Don't Say No (Capitol)	**"Stroke" "Kinda" "Dark"** "Lonely"
4	**REO SPEEDWAGON**	Hi Infidelity (Epic)	**"Keep"** "Touch" **"Don't" "Take"**
5	**JOURNEY**	Escape (Columbia)	**"Don't" "Crying"** "Stone" Title
6	**PHIL COLLINS**	Face Value (Atlantic)	**"Air" "Missed"** "Lines"
7	**STEVE WINWOOD**	Arc Of A Diver (Island/WB)	**"Chance" Title "Train"**
8	**STYX**	Paradise Theater (A&M)	"Rockin' " **"Best"** "Snowblind"
9	**TOM PETTY & THE HEARTBREAKERS**	Hard Promises (Backstreet/MCA)	**"Waiting" "Woman"** "Nightwatchman"
10	**MOODY BLUES**	Long Distance Voyager (Threshold/PG)	**"Voice" "Gemini"** "Meanwhile"
11	**STEVIE NICKS**	Bella Donna (Modern/Atco)	**"Stop" "Lace"** "17" "Think"
12	**.38 SPECIAL**	Wild-Eyed Southern Boys (A&M)	**"Hold"** "Time" **"Fantasy"**
13	**PAT BENATAR**	Precious Time (Chrysalis)	**"Fire" "Promises"** "Just" "Helter"
14	**RUSH**	Moving Pictures (Mercury/PolyGram)	**"Tom" "Limelight"** "Red"
15	**SANTANA**	Zebop! (Columbia)	**"Winning" "Searching"**
16	**GREG KIHN BAND**	Rockihnroll (Beserkley/Elektra-Asylum)	**"Breakup" "Sheila" "Hurting"**
17	**WHO**	Face Dances (WB)	**"Better"** "Day" "Do"
18	**APRIL WINE**	Nature Of The Beast (Capitol)	**"Between" "Queen"** "Town"
19	**JOE WALSH**	There Goes The Neighborhood (Asylum)	**"Life"** "Rivers" "Things"
20	**JEFFERSON STARSHIP**	Modern Times (Grunt/RCA)	**"Find" "Save" "Stranger"**
21	**BLUE OYSTER CULT**	Fire Of Unknown Origin (Columbia)	**"Burnin' "** Title
22	**LOVERBOY**	Loverboy (Columbia)	**"Turn" "Kid"**
23	**HEAVY METAL**	Various Artists (Full Moon/Asylum)	**Title — "Ride"** Title "Mob" **"Coal"**
24	**JOHN LENNON & YOKO ONO**	Double Fantasy (Geffen/WB)	**"Over" "Wheels" "Woman"** "Losing"
25	**BRUCE SPRINGSTEEN**	The River (Columbia)	**"Heart"** "Cadillac" Title "Ties"
26	**VAN HALEN**	Fair Warning (WB)	"Unchained" "Streets" **"So"**
27	**OZZY OSBOURNE**	Blizzard Of Ozz (Jet/CBS)	**"Train"** "Know" "Crowley"
28	**STEELY DAN**	Gaucho (MCA)	**"Nineteen" "Time"** Title
29	**KINKS**	Give The People What They Want (Arista)	**"Destroyer"** "Dial" **"Things"**
30	**ZZ TOP**	El Loco (WB)	**"Tube"** "Pearl" "Party"
31	**TUBES**	The Completion Backward Principle (Capitol)	**"Talk" "Don't"** "Sushi"
32	**TRIUMPH**	Allied Forces (RCA)	**"Power"** "Fight" "Fool"
33	**JOURNEY**	Captured (Columbia)	**"Party's Over"**
34	**ERIC CLAPTON**	Another Ticket (RSO/PolyGram)	**"Stand"** "Catch" "Rita"
35	**RED RIDER**	As Far As Siam (Capitol)	**"Lunatic Fringe"**
36	**BOB SEGER & THE SILVER BULLET BAND**	Nine Tonight (Capitol)	**"Tryin' "** "Let It Rock" "R&R"
37	**RICK SPRINGFIELD**	Working Class Dog (RCA)	**"Jessie's" "Everything"**
38	**AC/DC**	Dirty Deeds Done Dirt Cheap (Atlantic)	Title "Balls" "Child"
39	**POLICE**	Zenyatta Mondatta (A&M)	**"Stand" "De Do"** "World" "Canary"
40	**OUTLAWS**	Ghost Riders (Arista)	**"Riders"** "Angels" "Horses"
41	**ALAN PARSONS PROJECT**	Turn Of A Friendly Card (Arista)	**"Games"** "Price" **"Snake"**
42	**DAN FOGELBERG**	The Innocent Age (Full Moon/Epic)	"Moments" "Lost" "Cages" **"Hard"**
43	**MANFRED MANN'S EARTH BAND**	Chance (WB)	**"For You" "Lies"**
44	**GENESIS**	Abacab (Atlantic)	Title **"Reply"** "Man" "Dark"
45	**BLACKFOOT**	Marauder (Atco)	**"Fly" "Searchin' "**
46	**DIRE STRAITS**	Making Movies (WB)	**"Skateaway"** "Expresso" "Tunnel"
47	**POLICE**	Ghost In The Machine (A&M)	**"Every"** "Spirits" "Journey" "Sun"
48	**ELECTRIC LIGHT ORCHESTRA**	Time (Jet/CBS)	**"Hold" "Twilight"**
49	**DEF LEPPARD**	High 'N' Dry (Mercury/PolyGram)	**"Let" "Heartbreak"** "Hit" Title
50	**ROD STEWART**	Foolish Behaviour (WB)	**"Passion"** Title
51	**LITTLE RIVER BAND**	Time Exposure (Capitol)	**"Owls"**
52	**PETER FRAMPTON**	Breaking All The Rules (A&M)	**Title** "Dig" **"Kill"**
53	**GARY U.S. BONDS**	Dedication (EMI America)	**"Girl" "Jole"**
54	**POINT BLANK**	American Excess (A&M)	**"Nicole"**
55	**SQUEEZE**	East Side Story (A&M)	**"Tempted"**
56	**DONNIE IRIS**	Back On The Streets (MCA)	**"Ah Leah"**
57	**ATLANTA RHYTHM SECTION**	Quinella (Columbia)	"Homesick" Title **"Alien"**
58	**MICHAEL STANLEY BAND**	North Coast (EMI America)	"Heartland" "Hearts" **"Falling"**
59	**FOGHAT**	Girls To Chat & Boys To Bounce (Bearsville/WB)	**"Live" "Wide"**
60	**SHERBS**	The Skill (Atco)	**"Skill"**
61	**FLEETWOOD MAC**	Live (WB)	**"Fireflies"** "Afraid" "Rhiannon"
62	**KIM CARNES & HATE BOYS**	Mistaken Identity (EMI America)	**"Eyes" "Draw" Title**
63	**QUARTERFLASH**	Quarterflash (Geffen/WB)	**"Heart"** "Fool"
64	**ROBIN TROWER**	B.L.T. (Chrysalis)	"Money" "Life"
65	**ALLMAN BROTHERS BAND**	Brothers Of The Road (Arista)	**"Straight"** Title
66	**DIESEL**	Watts In A Tank (Regency/Atco)	**"Sausalito"**
67	**GARY WRIGHT**	The Right Place (WB)	**"Really" "Heartbeat" "Feelin' "**
68	**RAINBOW**	Difficult To Cure (Polydor/PolyGram)	**"Surrender"** "Spotlight"
69	**GARLAND JEFFREYS**	Escape Artist (Epic)	**"96" "ROCK"**
70	**ICEHOUSE**	Icehouse (Chrysalis)	Title **"Get" "Walls"**
71	**KAMPUCHEA**	Various Artists (Atlantic)	"Sister" "Rochestra" "Lucille" "Let"
72	**GEORGE HARRISON**	Somewhere In England (Dark Horse/WB)	**"Years" "Teardrops"** "Blood"
73	**DANNY JOE BROWN**	Danny Joe Brown Band (Epic)	**"Edge"** "Sundance"
74	**JIM STEINMAN**	Bad For Good (Cleveland International/Epic)	**"Dreams"** "Raving"
75	**JUDAS PRIEST**	Point Of Entry (Columbia)	**"Heading"** "Don't" "Rockin' "
76	**TOTO**	Turn Back (Columbia)	**"Elenore"** "Gift"
77	**AC/DC**	Back In Black (Atlantic)	**"Shook" "Shoot" Title** "Bells"
78	**PRETENDERS**	Pretenders II (Sire/WB)	"Message" "Pack" "Adultress" "Roses"
79	**ROSSINGTON-COLLINS BAND**	This Is The Way (MCA)	**"Stop"** "Straight"
80	**PAT BENATAR**	Crimes Of Passion (Chrysalis)	**"Hit" "Treat"** "Hell"
81	**PRETENDERS**	Extended Play (Sire/WB)	"Message" "Talk" "Precious"

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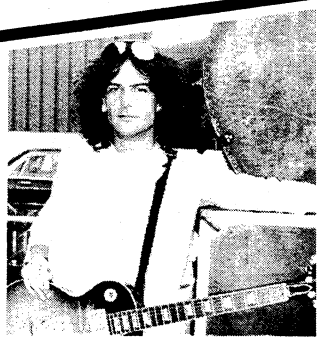

	Peak Position (wks at #1)	Peak Date	Weeks On Chart
AC/DC Dirty Deeds Done Dirt Cheap (Atlantic)	9	5/22	16
ALLMAN BROTHERS BAND/Brothers Of The Road (Arista)	9	9/11	9
APRIL WINE/Nature Of The Beast (Capitol)	5	3/6	21
ATLANTA RHYTHM SECTION/Quinella (Columbia)	13	10/23	12
BABYS/On The Edge (Chrysalis)	15	1/9	4
PAT BENATAR/Precious Time (Chrysalis)	3	7/24	20
BLACKFOOT/Marauder (Atco)	7	7/17	12
BLONDIE/Autoamerican (Chrysalis)	15	1/16	9
BLUE OYSTER CULT/Fire Of Unknown Origin (Columbia)	5	7/17	18
BLUES BROTHERS/Made In America (Atlantic)	14	1/16	5
GARY U.S. BONDS/Dedication (EMI America)	10	5/22	12
DANNY JOE BROWN/Danny Joe Brown Band (Epic)	13	7/10	9
KIM CARNES & THE HATE BOYS/Mistaken Identity (EMI America)	11	6/5	14
CARS/Shake It Up (Elektra)	7	11/27	2
CHEAP TRICK/All Shook Up (Epic)	13	1/9	5
ERIC CLAPTON/Another Ticket (RSO/PolyGram)	1(1)	4/3	13
PHIL COLLINS/Face Value (Atlantic)	2	5/1	26
DEF LEPPARD/High 'N' Dry (Mercury/PolyGram)	15	9/4	16
DIRE STRAITS/Making Movies (WB)	6	1/9	13
EAGLES/Eagles Live (Asylum)	13	1/16	7
ELECTRIC LIGHT ORCHESTRA/Time (Jet/CBS)	10	9/18	13
FLEETWOOD MAC/Live (WB)	7	1/16	9
DAN FOGELBERG/The Innocent Age (Full Moon/Epic)	7	10/16	12
FOGHAT/Girls To Chat & Boys To Bounce (Bearsville/WB)	12	8/7	11
FOREIGNER/4 (Atlantic)	1(6)	7/24	21
PETER FRAMPTON/Breaking All The Rules (A&M)	7	6/26	11
J. GEILS BAND/Freeze-Frame (EMI America)	6	11/27	4
GENESIS/Abacab (Atlantic)	3	11/27	9
GEORGE HARRISON/Somewhere In England (Dark Horse/WB)	8	6/5	7
HEART/Greatest Hits/Live (Epic)	10	1/9	6
HEAVY METAL/Various Artists (Full Moon/Asylum)	5	8/28	16
DONNIE IRIS/Back On The Streets (MCA)	12	1/23	12
JEFFERSON STARSHIP/Modern Times (Grunt/RCA)	3	5/1	20
GARLAND JEFFREYS/Escape Artist (Epic)	11	3/27	10
BILLY JOEL/Songs In The Attic (Columbia)	15	10/16	9
JOURNEY/Captured (Columbia)	4	2/27	14
JOURNEY/Escape (Columbia)	1(2)	8/7	19
JUDAS PRIEST/Point Of Entry (Columbia)	15	5/1	11
KAMPUCHEA/Various Artists (Atlantic)	11	4/17	8
GREG KIHN BAND/Rockihnroll (Beserkley/Elektra-Asylum)	10	7/31	25
KINKS/Give The People What They Want (Arista)	6	10/16	13
GREG LAKE/Greg Lake (Chrysalis)	15	11/6	6
JOHN LENNON & YOKO ONO/Double Fantasy (Geffen/WB)	1(3)	1/23	16
LITTLE RIVER BAND/Time Exposure (Capitol)	10	10/16	12
LOVERBOY/Loverboy (Columbia)	9	3/13	23

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LOVERBOY/Get Lucky (Columbia)	8	11/27	4
MANFRED MANN'S EARTH BAND/Chance (WB)	10	3/13	15
STEVE MILLER BAND/Circle Of Love (Capitol)	13	11/20	4
MOODY BLUES/Long Distance Voyager (Threshold/PolyGram)	1(2)	7/10	22
STEVIE NICKS/Bella Donna (Modern/Atco)	1(1)	9/11	17
OZZY OSBOURNE/Blizzard Of Ozz (Jet/CBS)	13	5/29	22
OZZY OSBOURNE/Diary Of A Madman (Jet/CBS)	11	11/27	4
OUTLAWS/Ghost Riders (Arista)	5	2/13	13
ALAN PARSONS PROJECT/The Turn Of A Friendly Card (Arista)	6	1/23	13
TOM PETTY & THE HEARTBREAKERS/Hard Promises (Backstreet/MCA)	1(5)	5/22	21
POLICE/Zenyatta Mondatta (A&M)	5	1/16	16
POLICE/Ghost In The Machine (A&M)	2	11/20	8
QUARTERFLASH/Quarterflash (Geffen/WB)	4	11/27	7
QUEEN/Greatest Hits (Elektra)	12	11/27	5
RAINBOW/Difficult To Cure (Polydor/PolyGram)	14	3/27	11
RED RIDER/As Far As Siam (Capitol)	11	10/30	16
REO SPEEDWAGON/Hi Infidelity (Epic)	1(2)	2/13	29
ROCKPILE/Seconds Of Pleasure (Columbia)	12	1/9	6
ROLLING STONES/Tattoo You (Rolling Stones/Atco)	1(10)	9/18	14
ROSSINGTON-COLLINS BAND/This Is The Way (MCA)	13	10/30	9
RUSH/Moving Pictures (Mercury/PolyGram)	4	4/17	21
RUSH/Exit . . . Stage Left (Mercury/PolyGram)	13	11/27	3
SANTANA/Zebop! (Columbia)	3	5/22	20
BOB SEGER & THE SILVER BULLET BAND/Nine Tonight (Capitol)	4	10/9	12
SHERBS/The Skill (Atco)	11	3/13	12
BRUCE SPRINGSTEEN/The River (Columbia)	1(2)	1/9	13
SQUEEZE/East Side Story (A&M)	14	7/31	15
BILLY SQUIER/Don't Say No (Capitol)	4	7/3	32
STEELY DAN/Gaucho (MCA)	3	1/16	17
ROD STEWART/Foolish Behaviour (WB)	3	1/9	10
MICHAEL STANLEY BAND/North Coast (EMI America)	12	8/14	12
STYX/Paradise Theater (A&M)	1(2)	2/27	24
.38 SPECIAL/Wild-Eyed Southern Boys (A&M)	7	3/13	24
TOTO/Turn Back (Columbia)	15	2/27	10
TRIUMPH/Allied Forces (RCA)	8	11/6	13
ROBIN TROWER/B.L.T. (Chrysalis)	12	4/10	11
TUBES/The Completion Backward Principle (Capitol)	8	7/10	16
VAN HALEN/Fair Warning (WB)	4	6/12	15
JOE WALSH/There Goes The Neighborhood (Asylum)	1(2)	6/26	16
WHO/Face Dances (WB)	1(6)	4/10	17
STEVE WINWOOD/Arc Of A Diver (Island/WB)	1(3)	3/13	24
GARY WRIGHT/The Right Place (WB)	14	7/17	11
ZZ TOP/El Loco (WB)	7	9/4	15

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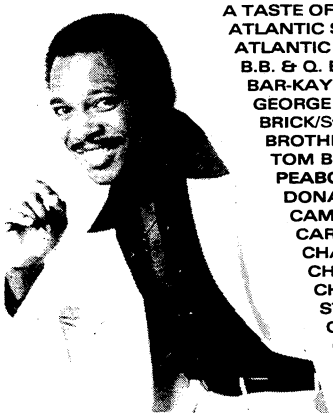

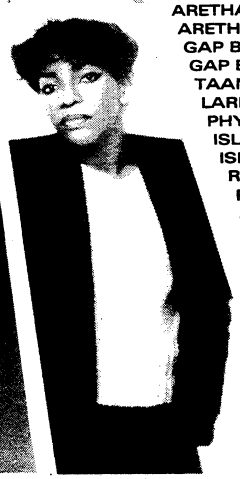

A TASTE OF HONEY/Sukiyaki (Capitol)
ATLANTIC STARR/Send For Me (A&M)
ATLANTIC STARR/When Love Calls (A&M)
B.B. & Q. BAND/On The Beat (Capitol)
BAR-KAYS/Boogie Body Land (Mercury/PolyGram)
GEORGE BENSON/Turn Your Love Around (WB)
BRICK/Sweat ('Til You Get Wet) (Bang/CBS)
BROTHERS JOHNSON/The Real Thing (A&M)
TOM BROWNE/Thighs High (GRP/Arista)
PEABO BRYSON/Let The Feeling Flow (Capitol)
DONALD BYRD & 125TH STREET N.Y.C./Love Has Come Around (Elektra)
CAMEO/Freaky Dancin' (Chocolate City/PolyGram)
CARL CARLTON/She's A Bad Mama Jama (20th)
CHAMPAIGN/How 'Bout Us (Columbia)
CHANGE/Paradise (RFC/Atlantic)
CHOCOLATE MILK/Blue Jeans (RCA)
STANLEY CLARKE/GEORGE DUKE/Sweet Baby (Epic)
COMMODORES/Lady (You Bring Me Up) (Motown)
COMMODORES/Oh No (Motown)
CON FUNK SHUN/Too Tight (Mercury/PolyGram)
EARTH, WIND & FIRE/Let's Groove (ARC/Columbia)
FOUR TOPS/When She Was My Girl (Casablanca/PolyGram)
ARETHA FRANKLIN/United Together (Arista)
ARETHA FRANKLIN/GEORGE BENSON/Love All The Hurt Away (Arista)
GAP BAND/Burn Rubber On Me (Mercury/PolyGram)
GAP BAND/Yearning For Your Love (Mercury/PolyGram)
TAANA GARDNER/Heartbeat (West End)
LARRY GRAHAM/Just Be My Lady (WB)
PHYLLIS HYMAN/MICHAEL HENDERSON/Can't We Fall In Love Again (Arista)
ISLEY BROTHERS/Hurry Up And Wait (T-Neck/CBS)
ISLEY BROTHERS/Inside You (T-Neck/CBS)
RICK JAMES/Give It To Me Baby (Gordy/Motown)
RICK JAMES/Super Freak (Gordy/Motown)
JACKSONS/Heartbreak Hotel (Epic)
AL JARREAU/We're In This Love Together (WB)
JONES GIRLS/I Just Love The Man (Philadelphia International/CBS)
GRACE JONES/Pull Up To The Bumper (Island/WB)
QUINCY JONES/Ai No Corrida (A&M)
CHAKA KHAN/Whatcha Gonna Do For Me (WB)
EVELYN KING/I'm In Love (RCA)
JERRY KNIGHT/Perfect Fit (A&M)
KOOL & THE GANG/Take It To The Top (De-Lite/PolyGram)
KOOL & THE GANG/Take My Heart (De-Lite/PolyGram)
LAKESIDE/Fantastic Voyage (Solar/RCA)
LAKESIDE/Your Love Is On The One (Solar/RCA)
STACY LATTISAW/Love On A Two Way Street (Cotillion)
DEBRA LAWS/Very Special (Elektra)
RONNIE LAWS/Stay Awake (Liberty)
CHERYL LYNN/Shake It Up Tonight (Columbia)
MANHATTANS/Just One Moment Away (Columbia)
TEENA MARIE/Square Biz (Gordy/Motown)
MAZE/Before I Let You Go (Capitol)
MAZE/Running Away (Capitol)
STEPHANIE MILLS/Two Hearts (20th)
T.S. MONK/Bon Bon Vie (Mirage/Atlantic)
MELBA MOORE/Take My Love (EMI America)
BILLY OCEAN/Night (Feel Like Getting Down) (Epic)
ONE WAY/Pull Fancy Dancer/Pull (MCA)
RAY PARKER JR. & RAYDIO/A Woman Needs Love (Just Like You Do) (Arista)
TEDDY PENDERGRASS/I Can't Live Without Your Love (Philadelphia International/CBS)
POINTER SISTERS/Slow Hand (Planet/Elektra-Asylum)
PRINCE/Controversy (WB)
RENE & ANGELA/I Love You More (Capitol)
SMOKEY ROBINSON/Being With You (Tamla/Motown)
ROGER/Heard It Through The Grapevine (WB)
DIANA ROSS/Why Do Fools Fall In Love? (RCA)
DIANA ROSS/LIONEL RICHIE/Endless Love (Motown)
SHALAMAR/Make That Move (Solar/RCA)
SISTER SLEDGE/All American Girls (Cotillion)
SLAVE/Snap Shot (Cotillion)
SLAVE/Watching You (Cotillion)
SUGAR HILL GANG/8th Wonder (Sugar Hill)
TIME/Get It Up (WB)
LUTHER VANDROSS/Never Too Much (Epic)
GROVER WASHINGTON JR./Just The Two Of Us (Elektra)
WHISPERS/It's A Love Thing (Solar/RCA)
WHISPERS/This Kind Of Lovin' (Solar/RCA)
DENIECE WILLIAMS/Silly (ARC/Columbia)
ROBERT WINTERS & FALL/Magic Man (Buddah/Arista)
STEVIE WONDER/I Ain't Gonna Stand For It (Tamla/Motown)
YARBROUGH & PEOPLES/Don't Stop The Music (Mercury/PolyGram)

With records sales still down, I think 1981 has taught us if a song is a hit, people will go buy it, maybe not in the numbers they once did, but they will spend money for music – selectively.

We have continued to see uptempo music thrive in the marketplace because people need something to dance about – particularly in the midst of our depressed economy. Love songs are back once again, and I'm sure that we can give some of the credit to our current recession. When times get tough in this country, artists always begin to sing love songs, and our 1981 Top 81 is about one-third made up of tunes that qualify in this category. The male/female duos really went to the top this year: **Diana Ross & Lionel Richie, Rene & Angela, Aretha Franklin & George Benson, Michael Henderson & Phyllis Hyman, and Melissa Manchester & Peabo Bryson** among them.

Female artists also had a very good year, with young **Evelyn King** and **Stacy Lattisaw** coming into their own. Other females with major hits were **Debra Laws, Cheryl Lynn, Teena Marie, Stephanie Mills, Taste Of Honey, Melba Moore, Pointer Sisters, Diana Ross, Sister Sledge, Deniece Williams, Aretha Franklin, Taana Gardner, Phyllis Hyman, the Jones Girls, Grace Jones, and Chaka Khan.** Evelyn King, Stacy Lattisaw, and Chaka Khan had the longest-enduring hits.

Male solo artists also had it their way this year. **Smokey Robinson** held the record for 1981 for the longest-lasting hit with "Being With You." **Luther Vandross, Carl Carlton** (making a comeback), **Ray Parker Jr. & Raydio,** and **Roger (Troutman)** had substantial hits. **Rick James** had a very good year with "Give It To Me (Baby)" and "Super Freak," and **Al Jarreau's** "We're In This Love Together" was his breakthough.

Groups like the **Commodores, Kool & The Gang, Slave,** and the **Whispers** had a hot 1981. One group in particular that I think deserves a lot of extra credit because they survived on Black radio airplay alone is **Frankie Beverly & Maze.**

Record companies that did extremely well in placing songs on our Top 81 alphabetical listing were **RCA** (including **20th Century-Fox** and **Solar**) with the highest total number, 10; **Warner Brothers, Polygram,** and **Epic/Associated Labels** had 9. **Motown** placed 8 on the list, as did **Capitol/EMI America/Liberty.**